



Los Altos History Commission and Los Altos History Museum 28th Annual Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest For 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

2012 Theme: Los Altos – 60 Years from Now!

General Instructions for Teachers and Principals

- 1) Read the attached flyer before you distribute copies to your students.
- 2) Make sure you allow them enough time to be returned:
 - a. LASD must be returned to the LASD Asst. Superintendent's office by March 9, 2012
 - b. Private school entries must be returned to the History Museum by March 9, 2012 (Alternatively, pickup of entries can be arranged by contacting **Denise Welsh at** (650)947-4769.
- 3) Read the directions to the students, even though they are on the flyer.
- 4) An outline to assist in the writing of the essay is included on the back of the writing prompt sheet.
- 5) When you receive the completed essays from your students, please bundle them in the manila envelope in which you received this notice. If you use another envelope please make sure you label it clearly "MARGARET THOMPSON HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST."

A note of appreciation from the Los Altos Historical Commission to the Los Altos teachers:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the running of this contest. We hope that you and your students find it interesting and rewarding, and that it encourages interest in the history of Los Altos.

- Prizes and recognition for students
- "Thank you" stipends are supplied by the Los Altos History Museum.

Prizes and trophy to be awarded at the City Council meeting on May 8, 2012. An ice cream social for the winners, their parents, teachers, and principals will be held prior to the Council meeting at the History Museum patio. The City Council meeting is televised on cable TV.

Teachers: If you have questions, please contact Historical Commissioner, Denise Welsh, (650)947-4769 or DGW43@yahoo.com.



